



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61458

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Appln. No.: 09/695,306

Group Art Unit: 2875

Confirmation No.: 1186

Examiner: Jacob Y. CHOI

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For: PLANE LIGHT SOURCE UNIT AND REFLECTION TYPE LIQUID-CRYSTAL

DISPLAY DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 9, and 10 presently stand rejected. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sonehara (4,870,484).

Claims 5, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonehara (4,870,484) in view of Yamamoto et al. (5,341,231).

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